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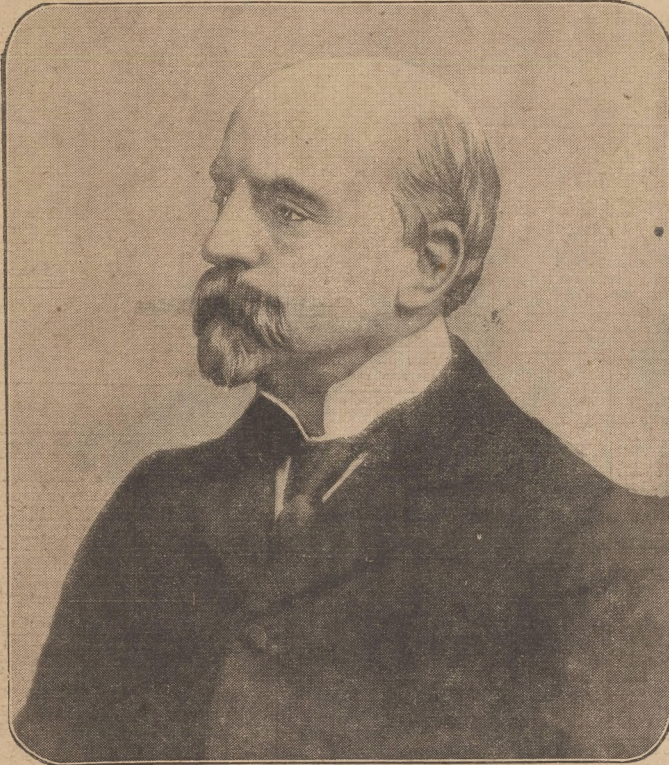
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ANXIOUS TO FIGHT A DUEL.



Lord Kimberley, disagreeing with Colonel Sapwell in an ordinary debate of the Norfolk County Council, has adopted the extraordinary course of challenging him to a duel. To this purpose he invites the Colonel to cross the seas out of the reach of English law.—
(Maull and Fox.)

CURING WHITE PLAGUE.



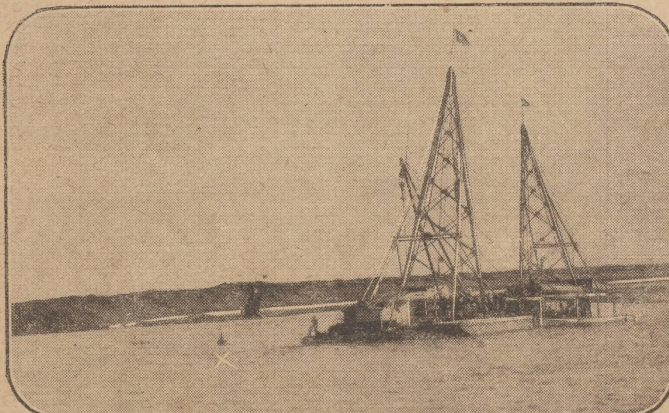
After many years' labour, Professor Behring announced at the Paris medical congress that he has discovered a cure for consumption. The photograph shows President Loubet, who takes a keen interest in the subject, visiting a consumptive patient in a French hospital.

WHY M. DELCASSE RESIGNED.



M. Delcassé leaving the French Foreign Office after his retirement. The Minister's fall was brought about by the Cabinet's refusal to accept English military and naval aid and defy Germany.

SHIP WHICH COST THE WORLD £5,000,000.



The photograph shows all that remains (marked X) of the Chatham, which stopped the traffic in the Suez Canal for eleven days. She carried eighty tons of dynamite, and was blown up, the delay until vessels could pass costing, it was estimated, £5,000,000.

KAISER FAILS IN HIS SCHEME.

Russia Will Not Join His Combination Against England.

FEELING OF DISTRUST.

Many Russians Believe Germany Egged Her on to War.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday Night.—The one subject of discussion is still Germany, and the attempt of the Kaiser to force France into a combination hostile to England.

It is now recognised that the tortuous policy of the Kaiser has completely failed. Even Russia is not likely to make common cause with the Cæsar of Potsdam.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the "New York Herald," the feeling there is now all against an alliance with Germany. He says:—

"The negotiations which Count Witte opened in Paris were deemed at first to be highly satisfactory. Still more so the result of the prolonged conference which Russia's great statesman had with the Kaiser.

TWO STUMBLING BLOCKS.

"It is known that Germany's Emperor was highly excited and considered the moment come when he could with Russia make the great blow which he has ever dreamed of dealing by which Germany should obtain for herself a vast district, the province of which Kiaochow forms the pivot. "For a time, here also, a warm hope was cherished that common action, with Russia and Germany leading, France, Holland, Italy, Austria and Belgium following, might counteract the brutal blow dealt this country and Germany by the terrible treaty of August 12.

"But two stumbling-blocks promptly showed themselves. The first and more important one, the strongly-emphasised French antipathy to joining in any political action in which she might be called upon to concert with Germany. The wanton conduct of the Kaiser in Morocco is far too fresh in the minds of the French.

"The second obstacle, the rooted suspicion felt amongst the ruling classes here against any friendly advances made by Germany.

"Whether rightly or wrongly, there is a large and influential number of politicians here who firmly believe that Germany used all her influence to encourage Russia to embark upon the unfortunate war just terminated.

RETURN TO FORMER POLICY.

"Russian statesmen to-day, from Count Lamsdorff downwards, make no secret whatsoever of the fact that the complete return to Russia's attempt to find outlets in warm water in the Far East renders once more necessary a return, in greater strength than ever before, to the policy which held five-and-twenty years and which aimed at harbours nearer home—to wit, in Turkish and Persian waters.

"As these Russian politicians remark, with bitter emphasis, it would have been best for England and the Powers to have let us get the harbours we wanted in the Far East. But they have stopped us. If Russia is ever to develop, and develop she must, harbours are vitally necessary for her. Harbours are to a nation the breathing-holes of her commerce. Russia must and will have ports somewhere. Denied them in the East, her whole policy of the future will consist of getting them nearer home, a course which will be very costly in blood and money, and probably lead to a grand war of nations."

GERMAN RETORT.

COLOGNE, Monday.—Dealing with the revelations in the "Matin," the "Cologne Gazette" to-day publishes an apparently inspired Berlin communique which says:—

"If the Delcassé story is founded on truth, the whole revelation stands as a terrible exposure of the French Foreign Minister's policy, which aimed at nothing less than a collision between France and Germany. That an offer of military assistance from England was made to M. Delcassé we refuse to believe. The probability is that the French Minister, driven into a cul-de-sac by his Moroccan policy, saw no other way out but war, and appealed to England for help.

"As regards the part Great Britain is alleged to have played, we prefer for the moment to stand aside and let the English Press have precedence in judging. All we wish to say is this, that an invasion of Schleswig-Holstein with an army of 100,000 men cannot possibly be taken seriously. The Power which wants to occupy a German province must reckon with different figures."—Lafan.

RELIGIOUS "WAR."

Riots Mark the Jewish "Day of Atonement."

FEASTERS V. FASTERS.

Something like a little civil war prevailed in Spitalfields and Whitechapel yesterday.

It was a religious war, and arose out of the great Jewish fast, "The Day of Atonement," or "Yom Kippur." On that day all orthodox Jewry is supposed to fast and do penance.

Some Hebrews of the more lax type, however, do not keep the fast at all; others have widely different ways of observing it. There is always a disturbance between those factions, but yesterday the trouble was much more serious than usual.

On the one hand were the orthodox Jews—the great majority, who religiously set about to observe the solemn fast. The "feasters," on the other hand, mocked them by making an ostentatious display of indulgence in food and drink. This was particularly noticeable near the chief synagogue at the corner of Brick-lane and Princelet-street. Next door is a freethinking Russian Anarchist club, which had a banquet while the service was going on.

This was too much for the "fasters." A quarrel quickly arose, and was waged fiercely with fists, empty bottles, and iron bars.

An elderly Jew seen eating a crust was set upon and severely maltreated, and a policeman who went to the rescue of another Jew was knocked down and his helmet smashed.

The "fasters" broke the windows of the "banquet chamber" of the Anarchist club, and the terrified "feasters" barricaded themselves in with boards until the police had once again restored order.

The police were left still guarding the disturbed district in strong force, fearing a renewal of hostilities.

MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS.

Villagers in French Nigeria Butchered To Gain a Captain's Promotion.

PARIS, Monday.—The "Humanité" states that it has received the following story from an officer of the French Congo:—

Some time ago, in French Nigeria, a column was sent to reduce the insurgent village of Sakadie, and the captain lost his way, going to Langa instead.

The villagers met the troops and provisioned them for two days.

The captain, however, determined to gain promotion for zeal and "bravery" opened fire on the villagers as they approached on the third morning with huge calabashes filled with milk, and massacred them in cold blood.—Reuter.

MISSION TO CANNIBALS.

Expedition to Christianise—a District Four Times Larger Than England.

Reuter's Agency is informed that an important missionary pioneer expedition to the Soudan is being dispatched by the Church Missionary Society this month.

The sphere of work has been selected by Lord Cromer, and comprises a region about four times the size of England inhabited by pagan tribes, the majority of whom are men of immense stature, and some of whom are cannibals.

Roughly speaking, the expedition will start from the junction of the Sobat and Bahr el Ghazal Rivers, and, stretching on both sides of the Nile, will extend to the northern border of Uganda and the north-east corner of the Congo Free State.

CANAL TRAFFIC RESUMED.

Lloyd's agent at Port Said telegraphed yesterday: "Traffic in the Suez Canal is free in the daytime only. In another two days it will be free at nighttime."

According to a telegram received in London yesterday the Anchor liner Nubia, which went ashore in the Suez Canal, has been refloated, but is leaking badly.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY NEGROES.

NEW YORK, Monday.—A mob of negroes, in Georgia, yesterday lynched a negro who had assaulted a negress. They first of all strung him up on a tree and then riddled his body with bullets.—Lafan.

ROBBERIES BY THE STARVING.

Intense poverty reigns throughout Southern Spain, due to the disastrous harvest.

Cattle are dying from want of water and food, says an Exchange Gibraltar telegram, and highway robberies are of daily occurrence.

RED TERROR IN RUSSIA.

Revolutionists Beaten with Rifle-Stocks and Whips of Raw Hide.

Once more the discontent of Russia is made apparent by rioting and disorders spread far and wide through the empire.

It is announced by Reuter that rioting in Moscow has led to the wounding of five Cossacks, four gendarmes, and several policemen. The rioters, of course, suffered severely while these injuries were being inflicted.

Terror reigns in Tiflis. On Sunday no less than nine bombs were thrown in different parts of the town. Eighteen persons were killed by one explosion in the vicinity of the Opera House.

Fighting in the streets is general, and nobody knows what will be the outcome of the rioting.

Many arrests have been made, and the captives have been subjected to the most brutal treatment. Men arrested on suspicion have been made to run the gauntlet of fifty Cossacks, each armed with the "nagaka," or whip of raw hide, or with rifles, the butt-end of which was used club-wise. Martial law has been proclaimed in Moscow, and the excesses of the Cossacks surpass even the brutality of Red Sunday in St. Petersburg.

CAPTIVE ENGLISHMAN.

Brigands Who Demand £6,000 Ransom Said To Have Cut His Ear Off.

SALONIKA, Monday.—A packet has been received at the British Consulate at Monastir containing a human ear, which an accompanying letter declares to be one of those of Mr. Wills, the Englishman employed by the Turkish Tobacco Regie who was captured by brigands some months ago.

The letter further threatens the death of Mr. Wills unless a ransom of £6,000 is paid before the 14th inst.—Reuter.

IMPREGNABLE FORTS.

U.S. War Secretary Confident That the Seaboard Is Fully Protected.

NEW YORK, Monday.—Mr. Taft, Secretary of State for War, interviewed after inspecting the local harbour defences, said no foreign Power could successfully assail America's seaboard cities.

"Her forts are," he said, "impregnable, owing to the fire control system, which covers a wide zone and would mean annihilation for any fleet which ventured within range of the batteries of big guns mounted on the forts."

"It is true, that a hostile squadron could approach the harbours under cover of fog, particularly at San Francisco, where dense weather frequently prevails."

"But with the development of torpedo and submarine systems the cities on the Pacific coast will be as safe as those on the Atlantic."—Reuter.

MOTORS FOR USE IN WAR.

Prizes Offered by a French Newspaper for the Best Motor Field-Gun.

PARIS, Monday.—The "Journal" offers prizes to makers of automobiles for:—

1. A field-gun mounted on an automobile carriage.
2. An automobile wagon for the rapid transport of field-pieces mounted on the carriages at present in use.
3. An automobile wagon for bringing up provisions and ammunition.—Reuter.

HYMN PREVENTS A PANIC.

While the pastor was preaching in the new Baptist church at Slough, fire emanated from an electric light fuse-box under the gallery.

Panic was prevented by the singing of a familiar hymn, and the congregation filed out quietly. The outbreak was soon subdued, and the service was concluded in the adjoining schoolroom.

COMPULSORY MARKSMANSHIP.

English people would never stand conscription, said Viscount Cross, distributing the prizes at Witton Grammar School, Northwich, yesterday.

But they should be prepared for any event, he added, and shooting ought to be compulsory in schools for boys, whilst a certain amount of military discipline ought to be introduced.

Lieut.-Colonel Hunter Weston, D.S.O., has received the thanks of Lieut.-General Neville Lytton, Chief of the General Staff, for his report on the German Imperial manoeuvres.

CHEERS FOR A SWINDLER.

Warm Greeting to the Bank Clerk Who Stole £150,000.

ARRIVAL AT PARIS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday.—This morning at 8.30 Galley, the absconding bank clerk, accompanied by his mistress, the pretty Mme. Merelli, and by her maid, Marie Audot, arrived in Paris from Bordeaux, which place they reached yesterday afternoon.

About one thousand people were gathered round the station, and when the prisoners made their appearance Mme. Merelli and her maid threw kisses to the crowd, who thereupon began to applaud uproariously, and to shout: "Bravo, Merelli! Bravo, Marie! Bravo, Galley!" for even the bank clerk, who alone was handcuffed, and showing great reserve, came in for his share of the applause.

The prisoners were conducted in three separate cabs to the police headquarters, where coffee and rolls were supplied to them, after which they spent a few moments at their toilette, and were then conducted to be measured in the anthropometric department.

CONFIDENCE IN HER BEAUTY.

Seeing that Mme. Merelli's hair was disarranged, the Chief of Police said to her, "Madame, would you not like to arrange your hair first?" Madame smiled and said, "Oh no, I am quite well as I am." In fact, she seems to have the most perfect confidence in her beauty, and is apparently certain that the jury will be so impressed with her good looks as to acquit her immediately. The maid is also certain that she will be acquitted, because she says she is in no way an accomplice—which may be perfectly true.

Galley seems anxious and nervous, but the detectives who accompanied him from South America say that he is exceedingly intelligent, and that he is likely to give no small trouble. Galley was a commissioner of police in a provincial town, and was dismissed from that position before he accepted a post in a Parisian bank.

COUNTESS IN CUSTODY.

Italian Lady Alleged To Have Killed Her Mother and Tortured Her Father.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Monday.—The Countess di Collalto has just been arrested on the terrible charge of having killed her mother and of having tortured her father at Oderzo, in Venetia, Italy.

The population of the town indulged in hostile demonstrations while the Countess was being taken to prison. The news of her arrest has caused an immense sensation.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

One fresh case of suspected cholera was reported yesterday at Berlin.

Earl Fortescue was yesterday stated to be rather weaker and less conscious.

Owing to a general strike in Argentina, martial law has been proclaimed for ninety days.

Lebundy's new steerable balloon made its first ascent in Paris yesterday with entire success.

Great panic was caused in Monteleone (Italy) yesterday morning by another earthquake shock.—Reuter.

The boycott of English goods is maintained in Calcutta, but, says Reuter, has made no progress at all in Western India.

The death was announced in Berlin yesterday of Frau von Trotha, wife of the German Commander-in-Chief in South-West Africa.—Reuter.

The last of the three men alleged to have waylaid and robbed Lord Powerscourt's gardener while cycling near Bray on September 25 was arrested yesterday.

Commerce is so active in Chicago (says Reuter) that a heavy shortage of cars is feared, and the railroads are placing heavy orders for equipment, urging quick delivery.

Well known as a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, and a great authority on eclipses, the Rev. Samuel Jenkins Johnson, Vicar of Melplash, Dorset, died yesterday, after a brief illness. He attended the Church Congress at Weymouth last week.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is: Light north-easterly breezes; fair generally; hazy or misty in places; rather colder.

Lighting-up time: 6.19 p.m.
Sea passages will be smooth, with fog locally.

CLERGY AND "THE PRODIGAL SON."

Chandery Calls an Invitation to the Theatre an Insult.

"IMPIOUS TITLE."

Mr. Hall Caine's invitation to the clergy of all denominations to attend a special matinee performance of "The Prodigal Son" at Drury Lane met with a mixed reception, drawing from the Rev. Webb-Peploe a strong protest. He does not mince his words either.

I regard the invitation to attend a representation of this impiously-titled play as an insult not only to myself and my clerical brethren, individually and collectively, but also to the Church and its ministers who are.

"I look, too, upon this 'proffered free opportunity' to visit the theatre as in the nature of a refuted attempt on the part of the author and manager to chloroform our well-known prejudices in this direction and to induce me and my low-pastors to testify to the dignity of the stage general and not of the play in particular."

"I have not replied to the invitation, but intend to do so in such a way as to leave no doubt in the minds of those responsible for it as to what I at last think about the matter."

Drury Lane Opinion.

With reference to the Prebendary's protest, Mr. E. S. Willard said that their invitation to clergymen was not a new idea at all.

"Mr. E. S. Willard some ten years ago filled a theatre with ministers of all denominations, whom he invited to see his production of 'Judah.'"

"We issued over 2,000 invitations to all kinds of ministers—Church of England, Nonconformists, Roman Catholics, and ministers of the Jewish faith and we expect to receive replies from fanatics of all sorts."

Apparently, the Rev. Webb-Peploe has never been to a theatre, and it is just this sort of bigoted person who fancies that he is entitled to criticise plays.

"Mr. Hall Caine invites these gentlemen to come and see 'The Prodigal Son,' and we do not all mind it if they criticise it in the pulpit afterwards."

Unfair Criticism.

Continuing, Mr. Smith said that all they asked for at Drury Lane was fair criticism.

"To denounce a play without having seen it is not fair."

"One objection of the rev. gentlemen seems to be the title, 'The Prodigal Son,' but the words are not copyrighted. There have been 'Prodigal daughters' and other prodigals on the stage before."

Mr. Webb-Peploe is apparently trying to get cheap advertisement. We do not mind. It will do him no harm.

"More than half of the clergymen invited have already accepted the invitation, and almost any man you will find clergymen in the theatre, apparently enjoying the play without any qualms of conscience."

CATHEDRAL IN DANGER.

20,000 Wanted To Repair Leaning Walls and Sagging Columns at Winchester.

Winchester Cathedral is threatened with destruction. The foundations of the east end have developed serious faults, and defects in the structure of the great south wall have appeared.

The Dean and Chapter have made an exhaustive examination, and disclosed the following hair-splitting defects:

Interior.—Many of the arches have a pronounced leaning, some of the columns are sagging; numerous cracks in the masonry.

Exterior.—Many great cracks in the south wall, which turns out to be really a double wall with a lump dumped between instead of the solid structure supposed. This wall also is leaning.

The Dean of Winchester says that at least 20,000 would be required to repair the fabric safe.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

Prince Arthur of Connaught left London yesterday en route for Glücksburg, where he will represent the King at the marriage of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha with Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein.

CAT IN THE ORGAN.

During the playing of a voluntary at Bridport Wesleyan Chapel distressing discords made the organist stop playing and search for the cause.

No sooner did he open the organ than out jumped a large and evidently much-frightened cat, which sprang over the pews and made a hasty exit through one of the chapel windows.

HUMAN PUZZLE.

Authorities Baffled by the Mystery of a Wandering Girl.

A human mystery is puzzling the authorities at Blackburn. It is the young woman who was found wandering and who is now in the workhouse. No one can tell who she is, where she came from, or anything about her.

Wearing sandals, a weather-stained mackintosh, and a white sun-bonnet, she was stopped in Darwen by the police, but refused to say anything about herself that will lead to the discovery of her friends.

Her belongings, crammed into a small bag, included merely a patching outfit for her mackintosh and goloshes, also some music and photographs.

She greatly resents being kept in the workhouse, and it is apparent from her conduct and clothing that she is an educated woman in a good social position.

On Sunday afternoon she was induced to play some hymn tunes on the piano, but all attempts to elicit information were futile.

She gives the name of Gallie Berill, and on her Bible is the name of "G. E. Bowyer." Which is her correct name no one can say.

THE QUEEN'S BORZOIS.

Her Majesty's Exhibits at a Show of 3,503 Canine Aristocrats.

Seven thousand pounds in prizes—a record amount for any dog show—has attracted a record number of exhibitors at the Kennel Club Show, which opens to-day at the Crystal Palace.

There are no fewer than 626 classes. Bloodhounds, otterhounds, foxhounds, wolfhounds, deerhounds, seventy-six Great Danes, sixteen Dalmatians, seventy-four Chow-Chows, dogs from Japan, France, Germany, and Russia, will raise a record barking chorus.

Her Majesty the Queen is an exhibitor in the Borzois classes, and others who will show their pets are the Hon. Mrs. Baillie, Viscountess Castlereagh, the Duchesses of Newcastle and Portland, the Countess of Chesterfield, and Princess Sophia Duleep Singh.

TAKING LONDON'S TRADE.

Immense Efforts Being Made by Antwerp and Rotterdam To Capture Trade.

How Antwerp and Rotterdam are fighting to take the trade of Europe from London was shown in an interesting report to the Thames Conservancy Board yesterday.

The deputation appointed to visit the docks and harbours at Rotterdam and Antwerp reported that between the sea and Rotterdam, a distance of eighteen miles, there was now a depth of twenty-nine feet at low water. Altogether 83,025,000 had been spent on the waterway, and there were twelve miles of quays.

At Antwerp vessels drawing sixteen feet of water can get to the port at any state of the tide. Additional docks and quays and a new river channel are being constructed at a cost of eighteen millions sterling.

The deputation, however, took the hopeful view that, while Continental ports had withdrawn a certain amount of trade from London, the passing of the Thames Conservancy Bill would assure the provision of a channel even superior to that contemplated at Rotterdam.

CUNARD CHAIRMANSHIP.

Difficulty of Finding a Worthy Successor to Lord Inverclyde.

The appointment of a chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company in succession to Lord Inverclyde will not be settled for several weeks.

It will be a task of considerable difficulty, says our Liverpool correspondent.

The late chairman was the one man whom the Morgan Trust had learned to fear, and unless a strong man is found to take his place his removal may open the door to the recurrence of a class of competition that a few weeks ago he had successfully combated.

Lord Inverclyde's mastery of the concern's details was proverbial, and his tact in the management of delicate negotiations such as those with the present Government well known.

MERTHAM TUNNEL MYSTERY.

There is significant activity in the movements of the detective staff investigating the Mertham tunnel mystery at Clapham Junction.

Chief Inspector Fox of Scotland Yard yesterday again visited the confectioner's shop in Station approach, where Miss Mowen purchased chocolate on the fatal Sunday evening.

"ARMY" ATTACKED.

Does General Booth Leave His Veterans To Starve?

STRENUOUS DENIAL.

The Salvation Army received two severe shocks yesterday. One was the breakdown of the Australian emigration scheme; the other a remarkable indictment alleging that the veterans of the army are not cared for by their leaders as they should be.

The allegation is contained in a remarkable letter by Mr. David T. Lumsden to yesterday's "Times."

He says:—

"May I humbly suggest that it would be more in keeping with the principles of true and practical Christianity if the 'General,' instead of wasting large sums of money on advertising exhibitions, would lend a helping hand to some of his poor starving officers and ex-officers. I give the barest outlines of two cases."

"One, a man who has been an officer for fourteen years, of sterling character, was compelled to leave the army owing to his health breaking down under the strain. During his years of service he was in receipt of the munificent salary of about 4s. to 5s. per week. He is now starving."

After Fourteen Years' Work.

"Another poor fellow, with a wife and three children, and himself a cripple, after fourteen years' work on starvation pay, was discharged, to reduce expenses. The family is now starving. The army authorities have done a little, under pressure, but they seem powerless to render any permanent help. The man was taken in at one of their shelter-elevators over fourteen years ago, when he committed wood-chopping, and now, after employing him for fourteen years, they turn him, with delicate wife and children, into the ranks of the submerged in a worse plight than fourteen years ago. And the British public is giving thousands yearly to this sort of thing."

Commissioner Nicol gave a complete denial to this charge yesterday. He stated: "Under no circumstances would an officer be cast off from the services of the Salvation Army on account of ill-health or kindred causes without being assisted and every effort being put forth for putting him in the way of earning an honest and comfortable livelihood."

The Emigration Scheme.

Deeply deplore present difficulties, cannot proceed with what likely to involve conflict. Present moment perhaps is inopportune. Am disappointed, but fully appreciate consideration of your Cabinet.

Great astonishment was caused yesterday by the announcement contained in the above cablegram from General Booth to Mr. Deakin, the Australian Premier, that the gigantic scheme to send 10,000 families to the Colonies had collapsed.

General Booth's confident, sanguine "send-off" of his project, and the later finding that batches of emigrants were ready to be sent away, gave the impression that everything was in the fair way to success.

At the headquarters of the Salvation Army yesterday Commissioner Nicol said that a deadlock had arisen. Lips are sealed until the "General" has spoken. Even the "War Cry" must delay going to press until it can print the veteran's leading message.

DR. BARNARDO'S WORK.

Appeal to the Public To Provide Means with Which To Carry It On.

To prevent the late Dr. Barnardo's great work among the waifs of our streets from falling, through his death, into decay, the council yesterday issued an appeal to the public.

"The past income," they state, "sufficed for maintenance, but not for bricks and mortar, and hence has arisen many financial liabilities, which may be summarised as follows:—

"Mortgages, £100,500; special loans, £12,000; Canadian liabilities, £14,000; tradesmen's accounts, builders' contractors, bills payable, interest created on mortgages, £99,700; and overdraft at bank, £22,800—a total of £249,000."

"Against this amount must be placed as a set-off the value of the buildings, which, according to recent valuation, form an asset well in excess of all liabilities."

SIR H. IRVING'S SHEAF OF KNIVES.

"I have received many acts of kindness from the playgoers of this great city," said Sir Henry Irving in the course of his farewell speech at Sheffield. "Many of those acts came from the gallery as pocket-knives which have been thrown on the stage. I carry away with me a fresh sheaf of them this week."

Mr. George Watkinson, a well-known Halifax wool merchant, left a fortune of £453,537.

SIXPENNY CABS.

Taximeter System and Low Fares To Be Tried in London.

London is to have its taximeter cab—more, it is to have sixpenny cab fares, and to have both immediately.

This important decision was come to at a meeting of cab-owners yesterday.

Obviously, they have discovered that under the old system competition from electric trams and omnibuses—which travel as fast as, or faster than, the cab—as well as from "tubs," is too keen.

They think that with sixpenny fares people who formerly walked will take a cab; protected by the taximeter they will no longer fear being overcharged. At any rate, Continental towns have long encouraged the taximeter.

In France and Germany it is general. Of 8,500 cabs in Berlin, only 250 are without it. Of 10,000 in Paris, 6,000 are fitted with it. Lately the London cab-owners sent delegates to the Continent to report on this and other matters.

The delegates found that the taximeter system is generally a sound one. With regard to motor-cabs they found that they took so large a space in which to turn that they would be almost impossible for London streets.

Nevertheless a company is being started to run motor-cabs in London. It is to be known as the Automobile Cab Company, Ltd., and will shortly put 200 motor-cabs on the streets. Mr. Michaels, who has resigned the secretaryship of the Cab-drivers' Union, will be the manager.

FIRST FOG PROMISED.

Anti-Cyclone Promises to Plunge London in Gloom To-day or To-morrow.

The first real fog of the season may envelop London to-day or to-morrow if the present weather continues.

An anti-cyclone now extends over the greater part of England. The first fog of last season came on under similar conditions.

The Meteorological Office predicts some fog or mist for London and the Channel.

Dull, quiet weather, with a falling temperature at evening is nearly always favourable for the formation of fogs.

IMPROVING THE "DISTRICT."

New Station Opened and a Better Service of Trains Promised.

In the vast scheme for the reorganisation of the District Railway another step was taken yesterday in the opening of a new station at Brixton's Court, West Kensington, midway between Hammersmith and West Kensington proper.

But the opening of the new station detracts from rather than improves the service as it now stands. The electric trains do not fulfil popular anticipation. They are no faster than the steam trains, and delays are frequent.

This, as a prominent official told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, is unavoidable till all the steam trains are removed and arrangements completed with other companies who have running powers over the line.

"Then," he said, "things will be improved out of all knowledge. Soon the following programme will be in working order:—

"Between Gloucester-road and the City—a two minutes service.

"Between Earl's Court and the City—a three minutes service.

"West of Earl's Court, a five minutes service, and on the outlying parts of the system the present service doubled."

MORE BABU ENGLISH.

Quaint Letters in Which the Guileless Hindu Expresses His Gratitude to a Lady Doctor.

Two choice specimens of Babu English are contained in the report of the Seward Memorial Hospital at Allahabad. They were received from husbands of patients by the lady doctor in charge.

"Dear She, My wife has returned from your hospital cured. Provided males are allowed at your bungalow I would like to do you the honour of presenting myself there this afternoon, but I will not try to repay you—vengeance belongeth unto God. Your noticeably."

"Dear and Fair Madame, I have much pleasure to inform you that my dearly unfortunate wife will be no longer under your kind treatment, she having left this world for the other on the night of the 27th ultimo. For your help in this matter I shall ever feel grateful. Your reverently."

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

At the Privy Council to be held on Monday week the King will sign a proclamation for the further prorogation of Parliament.

MANNERS ON

THE TRAMCAR.

Tests Show Englishmen Are More Polite Than Americans.

A GIRL'S EXPERIENCES.

Are Englishmen more polite to women than Americans? Is the proud boast of American gallantry to the weaker sex only a boast? From experiments in New York and London it would seem so.

Recently an American paper anxious to test the American man's politeness dispatched a girl to travel backwards and forwards over Brooklyn Bridge during the "rush" hours from 4.30 to 6.30 in the evening. In her pocket was a prize of £2 to be handed to the first man polite enough to resign his seat in her favour. She made eight trips before she was obliged to part with the reward.

Yesterday the *Daily Mirror* tested the politeness of the Englishman under similar circumstances. It dispatched a special lady representative to travel all over London by train, "tube," tram, and omnibus, picking as crowded vehicles as possible, to see if the Englishman would readily give up his seat or behave in the churlish manner of the American man.

Here is her report:—

I began my campaign by leaving Earl's Court Station by the 8.10 a.m. train for Richmond. I got into a compartment without a single seat vacant. Hardly was I inside when three men, all workmen, started up and offered me a seat, which I gratefully accepted. I noticed another man insist on a lame boy of about sixteen years of age taking his seat. So far, so good.

Westminster Schoolboys' Courtesy.

Getting out at Hammersmith, reached at 8.16, I journeyed to Addison-road. Here I picked up the 9 o'clock North-Western Mansion House train, which was crammed from end to end with junior clerks and young girls and boys going to office and school. I got into a third-class smoking carriage in which five men were standing up. There was a pause. For a moment no one moved, and I began to be afraid for my countrymen. Should I have to stand? A sir at the far end of the carriage, and a well-dressed boy of about eighteen rose and courteously offered me his seat, while the only man in the carriage who happened to be smoking asked me if I objected.

At Victoria I changed into a second-class carriage, in which three persons were standing. There followed me an old lady. A gentleman immediately got up and offered her his seat, while two boys, probably Westminster schoolboys, instantly rose and insisted on my seating myself.

On reaching the Mansion House, 9.34, I hurried off to the Tube. Here another sort of humanity met me, West End workers coming from the various City termini, well-dressed men and women who looked almost out of place so early in the morning, and the "tube" station the empty train filled like magic; and I observed an elderly man rise and offer his seat to a half-starved-looking child carrying a bundle. All along the line the same courtesy and consideration for women and children was in evidence.

Shopping Ladies' Bredness.

My next journey was from Westminster Bridge, where I boarded a Brixton tramcar, the inside crammed, of course, to suffocation. Unwilling to go outside, I asked the conductor if I might stand. Immediately a poorly-dressed man rose, and saying with a courteous bow, "Take my seat, Miss," himself went outside.

Arrived at Brixton, I lingered for a while till the suburban ladies sallied forth on their onslaught of the West End shops.

Then I found very different behaviour. Instead of pleasant-faced politeness, rudeness, pushing, and sour-faced discourtesy greeted me on every side. Here was no desire to make room for a poor woman with a huge bundle, or a woman with a baby. That journey was a perfect object-lesson in bad manners.

Five o'clock found me at East Ham Station en route for Hammersmith. Streams of men, from dusty navies to neatly-dressed clerks and, further west, prosperous City men boarded the train. Still, even at the close of the long day, the same civility and courtesy continued. Not a woman stood all the length of that long, hot, over-filled train of tired-out workers. And it mattered nothing whether a woman were well-dressed or shabby, rich or poor, all had similar attention offered them in the same unpretending way. Wherever I went it was the same. The Englishman had triumphantly stood the test.

WORN FOR THE WEDDING.

Judges Edge at Clerkenwell yesterday decided against a lady who was sued for £2 3s., the price of a dress she wore at a wedding, and then returned to the maker, complaining that it was too short and a bad fit.

LIVES SAVED BY TWINE.

Seven People Rescued from a Wreck by a Ball of String.

But for the absence of proper life-saving apparatus at Papa, Westray, Orkney, five lives lost in the wreck of the trawler City of Lincoln might have been saved.

This fact was clearly demonstrated at the inquest at Grimsby yesterday on Henry Harries, skipper, and William Hutchinson, mate, two victims whose bodies have been recovered.

In squally rain and intense darkness the navigators of the City of Lincoln made a mistake in their reading of shore lights, and the trawler struck the rocks, quickly filling.

People on shore tried kites and model boats with a view of reaching the trawler, which sunk only fifty yards away, but without avail owing to heavy breakers. The crew went up the rigging with the exception of the steward, who persisted in staying near the fore-castle, and was soon washed overboard.

One of the crew was washed from the rigging, and three who attempted to swim ashore were drowned.

A ball of twine was eventually thrown ashore, where the inhabitants attached a hawser to it and, improvising life-lines, the remaining seven men were got ashore terribly exhausted.

STRUCK BY WHIRLWIND.

Husband and Wife Thrown from a Boat and Drowned in Each Other's Embrace.

What all the spectators agree in calling a whirlwind was the cause of the boat accident in Garraheen Bay, Connemara, by which five lives were lost.

The evening was so calm that the party put out the oars. They were scarcely moving when suddenly a whirlwind came down from the Kilkerian heights and heeled the boat over.

The only person saved was Patrick Conroy, jun., who grasped an oar, to which he held until washed ashore. Mrs. Conroy clung round her husband's neck, thus rendering him helpless, and they were both drowned.

John Conroy's body has been recovered, but the bodies of Patrick Conroy, Maggie Conroy, McCormack, and Maggie Neel, have not yet been found.

"QUIET IN HARNESS."

Showing How It Is Prudent Always To Try a Horse Before Buying It.

"Warranted quiet in harness." This was the recommendation in an advertisement that brought about the purchase of Peter, a big black horse, on a week's trial.

When Peter arrived at Great Stanmore from the Elephant and Castle district it was found that he was dead lame—so quiet, indeed, that he could not help himself—whereupon the builder who bought him brought him back to London.

But the horse-dealer declared that the animal was the victim of a shock of paralysis, and refused to take him.

At Southwark County Court yesterday the builder recovered £18, the money he had paid for Peter, the Judge remarking: "Next time try the horse first and buy it afterwards."

MUCH ADO ABOUT TWOPENCE.

Borough Council Spends Much Time in Trying to Detect a Shylock.

The Deptford Borough Council Works Committee have been much upset lately. They discovered that one of their workmen who had borrowed 2s. from a fellow workman had repaid the loan with 2s. 2d., and they feared that the demon of usury stalked unashamed in their midst.

But the borrower explained that he gave the lender 2d. in return for the kindness rendered him. The lender declared that, although he sometimes lent money to fellow employees, such a thing as interest never entered his head.

Still the committee were not satisfied. They had heard that a wife of one of their men was a registered moneylender, and they feared that usury was going on indirectly.

But inquiries failed to elicit anything but denials, and the committee had to content themselves with a warning that no lending among employees would be tolerated in the future.

CANNOT ESCAPE RATES.

The plea that a bungalow on Trowlock Island on the Thames, near Teddington Lock, was exempt from rates on the ground that there was no lighting, no police, and no privileges, was rejected by the Spelthorne magistrates yesterday, the occupier (in summer) having to pay rates of £2 16s. 8d.

INFLUENZA AGAIN.

One Londoner Out of Ten Wants the Doctor.

WHAT TO DO.

One Londoner in every ten is suffering from influenza. Not for years have the sufferers from "flu" been so numerous.

As a natural consequence London smells very strongly of eucalyptus—the vegetable oil which is always looked upon as a certain cure for the distressing symptoms with which influenza is invariably accompanied.

The "Lancet" takes a timely opportunity of warning the public against the dangers of an overdose of eucalyptus. Too much of the remedy has been known to cause death.

The proper dose is a few drops taken on a lump of sugar. Great care should be taken to see that the sugar is not saturated.

"I have not been so busy for a year past," said a West End physician to a *Daily Mirror* representative yesterday. "The influenza germ is a kind friend to the doctor."

Doctors' Thriving Business.

"On an average day I have about 200 patients on my books. Thanks to the influenza germ, I am now attending nearly 300. In most of my influenza cases more than one member of the family is attacked, for the disease is very infectious."

"Those who do not want to catch an influenza cold should wear warm clothes, but not too many of them. If they are women they should not dress in low-necked bodices, and they should also place a piece of flannel down the back of their corsets."

"Men should have their waistcoats lined with flannel at the back."

"Make a good breakfast, eat plenty of nourishing food, and sleep with your window open at the top."

PAWNING A BANK-BOOK.

G.P.O. Depositor Placed in a Singular Position by His Wife's Action.

A strange pawnbroking transaction was brought to light at Westminster yesterday.

A depositor in the Post Office Savings Bank, wishing to withdraw £3, found to his dismay that his book was missing.

His wife then confessed that she had pawned it, and handed him a ticket for £2 10s.

It appears that the practice is an old one, the books in the present instance having been pawned for the first time eight years ago.

In answer to the depositor, the Westminster magistrate said it was really extraordinary, but he could not interfere. The pawnbroker meantime retains the bank-book, and threatens to proceed against the wife for fraud, because she stated she had authority to pawn it.

FRAUDS ON THE CHARITABLE.

Couple Live Eight Months on the Results of Street Collections.

If someone asks you in the street for money for a deserving charity don't give it. That this is a good sound rule was shown in a case at Marylebone yesterday.

It appears that a man and a woman had lived since last February on money they had collected in boxes in the street.

The amount of money thus lost to charity must have been large, for the prisoners admitted having £10.

As several boxes were found in their house bearing the name of the Metropolitan Provincial Association for Providing Meals for Poor Children, that amount must have been far short of what really was collected by them. They were sent to prison for a month each.

TROOPS TO KILL SEALS.

Ravages among the fish by the great number of seals on the French side of the Channel have been so extensive that troops are to be employed to help in destroying them. The French Minister of War is taking this action in response to a petition from the fishing industry.

BLIND RECTOR IN TROUBLE.

The Rev. W. McGowan, rector of Nevendon, Essex, was yesterday committed for trial on serious charges. He has been blind from childhood, and his wife died mysteriously some weeks ago.

LADIES' BILLIARD HANDICAP.

The Lyceum is the first ladies' club to have a billiard handicap. There are twenty-four entries, and most play a very good game.

SMALL FAMILIES.

Bishop on the National Peril of Dwindling Birth-Rate.

"Three things stand out dark and dangerous to our modern life, and menace our national existence," said the Bishop of Salisbury in a sermon at Trowbridge.

The first was the fact that in many of our large centres and in many of our country villages a large number of men and women did not go to any place of worship whatever.

The second thing was the low estimation in which marriage was held by a great number of people, and the breaking of the ties of family life.

One symptom of this low, false esteem of marriage was the decline in the birth of children, the carelessness with which they were treated, it were not for infant mortality our race would strong to maintain the position to which God had mercifully called us—that of raising up a dominion in every part of the world.

The third problem was the terrible mischief self-murder.

How were they to remedy the evils of which had spoken? Not merely by warring against the world which was apt to irritate and provoke; they had to take the mischief at its root, and establish its relation to God and to one another in home life, which would make such things uncommon, if not impossible.

WANING STEAMBOAT TRAFFIC.

Autumn Causes a Rapid Decline of Passengers by L.C.C. Thames Service.

How rapidly the traffic on the London County Council steamboats falls off in the autumn will be shown in the following report of the Rivers Committee:—

Week ending	Passengers.	Taking
Aug. 5	230,376	214,100
" 12	202,714	221,000
" 19	236,196	221,000
" 26	225,968	221,000
Sept. 2	215,592	221,000
" 9	211,598	221,000
" 16	190,942	221,000
" 23	185,598	221,000

At this rate of decrease there will be no traffic at all during the winter, and the Council must rely on the summer months for a profitable service.

The Committee will recommend the purchase of the piers of the Thames Steamboat Company according to the amount of the arbitrators' award of £14,162.

"NOT GUARANTEED PURE."

Government Asked To Prevent a Complete Evasion of Adulteration Law.

Milk-sellers and restaurant-keepers who seek to evade the law as regards the sale of pure milk by exhibiting notices to the effect that the milk they sell is not guaranteed to be pure may soon find this ruse stopped by the law.

Westminster City Council have sent a recommendation to the Local Government Board suggesting "that the Board should consider, in the interests of the public health, the question of the desirability of taking such steps as may be necessary with a view to the practice being stopped."

"NOT TRANSFERABLE."

Mr. Plowden Sees No Harm in Traffic of "Return" Halves of Railway Tickets.

If there is one thing a railway company insists on more than another, it is that the return half of a ticket is not transferable.

Mr. Plowden, the Marylebone magistrate, however, is quite of another opinion.

"Why shouldn't they buy the tickets?" he exclaimed, when it was explained to him that the prisoners before him were found with return tickets they had obtained from excursionists intending to return by ordinary train, and hence useless to them.

"They beg them, your Worship." "Why not?"

"It annoys the passengers, your Worship."

"It can't, or they wouldn't give them the tickets."

The prisoners were discharged.

"Life of Nelson,"

By R. SOUTHEY.

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WHERE LIVING IS DEAR.

Panama a Bad Speculation on the Part of Uncle Sam.

A WHITE ELEPHANT.

It is bad taste to mention the word Panama to an American, because any reference to the scene of the great trans-Continental canal project reminds Uncle Sam of one of his bad speculations.

First of all there is the fact that the United States has already spent more than a million and a quarter sterling on the canal scheme, yet nothing has been done. The work is not proceeding. This alone would be sufficient to irritate a self-respecting commercial nation that has some reputation for smartness.

To make matters worse, every steamer from Colon to New York lands crowds of grumbling employees from the Panama Canal, who complain that the cost of living is so great on the isthmus that Americans are worse off than they would be if they were working at their ordinary occupations in the United States.

"KLONDYKE PRICES."

According to their statements the Panama and Colon merchants have been charging "Klondyke prices" for ordinary foodstuffs, and making from 100 to 150 per cent. profit on their goods.

Here are some of the prevailing prices for every day commodities:

Milk, 6d. a pint; eggs, 4d. each; fresh meat, 1s. a pound; fowls, 7s. each; bananas, 3d. each. Clothes are 150 per cent. more than New York prices, which, again, are fully 50 per cent. dearer than London prices.

In the old days of the French company Panama and Colon were practically free ports, and although there was plenty of money floating about the cost of living was very cheap and the native labourers could live well on their wages of 5s. a day.

Now, owing to the increased cost of the necessities of life, the Colombian labourers cannot work on the canal, as their earnings are not sufficient for them to buy enough food to keep up their strength. The majority of them have left, and the labour is being carried on principally by Jamaican negroes.

UNDER THE FRENCH COMPANY.

The French company looked after its employees and made them as comfortable as the circumstances would permit. White men were lodged in wooden houses which had been imported from France all ready to be fitted up.

Negro servants were hired by the canal company to wait on the white officials, and the quarters were furnished with canvas cot beds, chairs, tables, linen, mirrors, and iron washstands.

The company paid for the washing of the bed linen and towels, and provided soap and candles free. The employees generally paid 5s. a day for their board, which included a pint of good-Bordeaux wine with breakfast and another pint with dinner in the evening.

In every respect the present conditions are a complete contrast to these, and are rapidly becoming unendurable, and driving white men back to New York, where their chorus of complaints has already convinced Uncle Sam that he has been most particularly "taken in."

SEARCH FOR A GORILLA.

Ideal Home in a Splendid Zoo Continues To Lack an Occupant.

Heart sore and wretched are the controllers of the famous Bronx Zoo at New York; for there is one grievous gap in the great menagerie, one empty abode that cannot be provided with an inmate. In all New York, writes our correspondent, there is no gorilla.

It is not for his beauty that New York desires him, nor for his grace or elegance. But ladies especially wander listlessly through the mazy paths, all their joy in the splendid collection of animals departed when they learn that the glass-sided incubator twenty feet square, with jungle interior, still lacks an occupant. They gaze sadly at the desolate receptacles and depart with tears.

Animal dealers the world over have been offered very substantial inducements to secure a gorilla for the Bronx. He must be large and fierce, of course, but he must also possess lungs of a sort that will stand a temperate climate rather longer than a month. For very few gorillas have lived as long in captivity in New York.

BARONETCY NOW EXTINCT.

By the death of Sir Edward Hamer Carbutt, reported yesterday from Cranleigh, Guildford, the baronetcy becomes extinct. Mayor of Leeds in 1878, Sir Edward was the first baronet, and leaves no heir.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

In order that a beautiful black cat might cross the road in safety, a considerate policeman "held up" all the traffic yesterday at the point where Cannon-street and Queen Victoria-street converge.

The new graving dock at Southampton, which Messrs. John Aird and Co. have just completed, is the deepest in the United Kingdom.

More visitors—their number being 56,309—have visited Robert Burns's birthplace during the last twelve months than in any previous year.

In a case struck out yesterday at Clerkenwell County Court for non-appearance, the name of the defendant was given as Prince Albert of Ashanti.

Sir Martine Lloyd found four quail on one of his Cardiganshire farms, and shot two of them. These are the first quail seen in Wales for more than six years.

For the present the "auld brig of Ayr" is saved. The Ayr Town Council yesterday decided to stay their hands and allow the public an opportunity of providing money for the work of restoration.

Thrown on her side by her ballast shifting in heavy weather, the Norwegian barque Frey, of Porsgrund, was nearly sinking in the North Sea when the Norwegian steamer Eros bore down. The captain and crew were rescued with difficulty and landed at Blyth (Northumberland) yesterday.

Unmoved even by the criticisms of a Scottish caddie, Mr. Balfour is said to have done the round of the Crathie golf course sheltered by an umbrella.

Within fifteen minutes of one another two tramps knocked at a police-sergeant's door at Tiverton (Devon) and asked for something to eat. Yesterday they were both sent to goal.

Caught in a public-house, Peter Owen, a young Bolton dyer, was made to disgorge nearly £207, his widowed mother's savings, which he had stolen. He had spent £23 3s. 6d. in two hours.

Holborn Council will to-morrow consider the re-naming of the lower end of Southampton-row as "Kingsway." The street being a continuation of the great new thoroughfare to be opened next week by the King.

Mr. V. E. Walker, one of the best all-round cricketers in his day, was presented with a gold-mounted walking-stick at Enfield yesterday for his timely assistance of a policeman who was arresting a violent prisoner.

"Theatre proprietors storing their patrons' bicycles free of charge are responsible for their safety," said the Blackburn County Court Judge yesterday, in giving judgment against the proprietors of the local theatre in respect of a stolen bicycle.

AT THE SCALA TO-NIGHT.



Miss Gertrude Elliott, who will play the part of Carrots in the curtain-raiser to be produced for the first time at the Scala Theatre to-night.—(Caswell Smith.)

Race meetings at Brighton this year realised a profit of £1,200 for the corporation.

The Russian icebreaker Ermack, which took part in the Russo-Japanese war, has arrived in the Tyne for repairs.

Hardly up to the average in quality was the first consignment of this season's apples from Nova Scotia which reached Covent Garden yesterday.

Nearly 250 pilgrims to Rome from all parts of Great Britain and Ireland leave London to-day. The Pope is to receive them in audience next Monday.

Large numbers of police have been dispatched by motor-cars to Nenthead, near Alston, Cumberland, to quell rioting which has broken out amongst the Italian miners there.

Liverpool's 120,000 elementary scholars and their 3,000 teachers began a week's holiday yesterday. This autumn vacation is an annual institution in Liverpool, but is not the custom in any other city.

Amongst those who attended the funeral of the late Mr. J. E. Taylor, chief proprietor of the "Manchester Guardian," at Kensal Green yesterday, were Mr. C. P. Allen, M.P., Mr. C. P. Scott, M.P., and Sir William Collins.

Painful scenes were caused during a service in Elin Chapel, Cwmdare, near Aberdare, the minister being pushed aside by an excited young man who opened the Bible and commenced reading the Scriptures until he fainted in the pulpit.

Viscount Selby, late Speaker of the House of Commons, will be admitted to the Freedom of the City of London in the Guildhall at 12.45 to-day.

Newington (South London) Mixed Swimming Club refer, with pride, in their annual report, to an instance of a lady member successfully instructing a gentleman in the useful art.

Suddenly producing a large pocket-knife from the lining of his coat, an aged prisoner named Henry Eastham inflicted a slight wound on himself at Preston Police Court yesterday.

Several elections were contested, in the temperance interest, by Mr. J. Hargrove, a Liverpool shipbroker, who died suddenly yesterday while walking on the sands at Birkdale, Lancashire.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. Edward T. Salvesen, K.C., Solicitor-General for Scotland, as one of the senators of H.M. College of Justice in Scotland in room of Lord Kincarmine, resigned.

Commencing life as a newsboy, Councillor Robert Wilson, who is to be the next Mayor of Darlington, rose step by step until he became partner in the largest newspaper distributing agency in the north of England.

Dr. Nakato, a Japanese scientist, has issued a warning to his countrymen that the rate of increase in Japan's population is dangerously low. He says that Norway, with an annual increase of 13.9 per 1,000, heads the list among nations. England's increase is 11.5 and Japan's 10.2.

LOVERS' BUTTONS.

Up-to-Date Method of Wearing Your Heart on Your Waistcoat.

NEW FASHION FOR MEN.

Quite the latest scheme of decoration for men is the wearing of waistcoat buttons on which is reproduced a photograph of the woman dearest to the heart beneath the waistcoat.

Nowadays you can not only carry your sweetheart's features inside your watch, on your tie-pin, and inside your pocket-book, but you can wear proofs of your devotion upon your chest.

The new waistcoat button is being made by Messrs. Hoare and Sons, the High Holborn tailors, who have already placed upon the market and upon their waistcoats buttons bearing coloured copies of Gainsborough's famous "Duchess of Devonshire" and other well-known portrait paintings. A set of six of these buttons may be purchased for half a crown.

The "sweetheart buttons" are naturally a little more expensive, for one lady's portrait will not be used by many men. The cost of production is proportionately greater, and the selling price is about 5s. for six.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS.

"If you have six sweetheart buttons, and you do not want to be too partial to one, Messrs. Hoare will make you six buttons, each bearing proof of devotion lavished in different directions. They will also make you any number of sets, so that you will be prepared at any time to meet any girl you know."

Should the innovation become popular, the phrase, "I don't care a button for her," will carry a new significance. It will merely mean that the person using it does not love the girl sufficiently to wear her on his waistcoat.

DULL STOCK MARKETS.

Fears of Dear Money and Poor New York Bank Statement Depress Prices.

CAPEL COURT, Monday Evening.—Stock markets opened in dull fashion, the approach of the settlement, the absence of the Jewish members, and dear money fears being contributory influences. This, however, did not last long, and markets quickly recovered in many cases. Consols, after initial weakness, picked up to 88½ at the close on the rise in the French Exchange and the report that the Bank of France is to send £1,000,000 in gold to Egypt.

Home Rails were easier at the start, but an excellent Brighton traffic increase of £1,393 gave the needed fillip to the market, and some improvement set in, especially among the Southern stocks. The Heavy group derived some support from the good Board of Trade returns, and finished better on the day, the improvement being most noticeable in North-Easterns. Underground stocks were easier.

Advices from Wall Street were not so favourable, and a poor Bank statement led to prices being put under the parity level on this side. Norfolk and Unions perhaps were the best features in a rather depressed market.

JAPANESE BONDS DROP.

Canadian Pacifics and Grand Trunks were both weak, although the latter recovered towards the close. The strike news affected Argentine Rails adversely at first, but most of the losses were made good later. Cuban Centrals recovered to 7 after being as low as 6½. Some of the less dealt-in Argentine stocks were better.

In the Foreign section Japanese bonds were inclined to droop, and the Paris favourites, as a rule, were just a little lower. Rio Tintos were a strong market on the confirmation of the news of the retirement of the delebeaters.

Among Miscellaneous securities, Aerated Breads were dull, and the Chinese land group was rather offered. Sweetmeats were a good market on the increase in September earnings of £231. Anglo "A" was easier.

Kaffirs were rather freely offered at the start on fears of Paris sales, but they rallied towards the finish. Bankets were a good feature throughout the day in the Rhodesian section. Among Westralians, Oroyas fluctuated to some extent, being at one time as low as 2 11-16, but they finished at Saturday's closing price. Horseshoes declined slightly. West Africans were quite inactive. The Mexican group was firm, Esparanzas rising to 6½. Silver shares were lower on profit-taking.

MOTOR-CAR WRECKS GATES.

Taking the wrong turning which opposite the Feathers Hotel, Mersham, a motorist yesterday, fired his car into the large ornamental gates leading to Mersham House. The gates, which weigh over three tons, were torn from the pillars, and the car was wrecked.

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CHIVALRY REVIVAL.

It is to be hoped that no obstacles will be put in the way of the duel that the Earl of Kimberley wishes to fight with Colonel Sapwell, evoked because the latter criticised the plans of the Norwich County Council's new Shire Hall.

It appears that the Earl is a member of the committee which drew up the plans. He is very proud of them. Colonel Sapwell, a practical man, discovered that there were a few trivial defects in the arrangements—no roof or staircase, or the front door forgotten, something of very little importance among friends—and pointed them out.

The Earl of Kimberley took this as a personal affront, and thought he was being sneered at. Springing to his feet, he challenged the Colonel to mortal combat. Dramatically waving a "Bradshaw," he dared and double-dared the Colonel to take the 2.30 p.m. train with him to Paris and then and there dampen the Bois de Boulogne with their blood—that is, if they were good enough shots.

Owing to misguided interference by so-called friends, the duel was postponed, perhaps indefinitely. Neither the Earl nor the Colonel was on the 2.30 p.m. train yesterday. Perhaps they may go to-day. Chivalry lives in hope.

The proceedings of the Norfolk County Council have been devoid heretofore of spectacular excitement. The talk has been principally about macadamising and poor rates. There has been little of the sort of conversation one reads in Maurice Hewlett's books, matter of a "Have at thee, catiff!" description, remarks about halidoms, and so on.

It looks as if the Earl of Kimberley is going in for a revival of the age of chivalry. The time is ripe for it. We are surfeited with humdrum things, and long for the days when people will go about with halidoms, taking them even into county council meetings.

The argument is made that in a duel the wicked man often wins. So he does in a debate. It is not only on the field of battle that wrong triumphs. It conquers only too frequently in the field of argument. Does any one suppose that in the House of Commons the men who make the brilliantly convincing speeches are always morally on the correct side?

So good luck to the age of chivalry as revived by the Earl of Kimberley! A. K.

FRENZIED INSURANCE.

The revelations that continue to be made as to certain American insurance companies show that in these particular concerns the managers had no financial ethics and hardly any common honesty.

One company was owned and operated in the interest of a family who helped themselves to its assets as often as they felt the need of them.

Insurance companies made combinations to spend money in "jobbing" in the New York State Legislature. This can only mean that they bribed senators and assemblymen to pass laws or allowed them to levy blackmail for not passing them.

All this must be cheerful news for the policyholders, who realise that every dollar misappropriated must come out of the pockets of the customers of the companies. D. V.

SAYINGS OF NELSON.

An opportunity to distinguish ourselves is our greatest happiness.

Time is everything; five minutes makes the difference between a victory and a defeat.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

ONLY a few years ago Prince Arthur of Connaught, who left London yesterday for Germany to represent King Edward at the forthcoming marriage of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha with Princess Victoria Adelaide of Schleswig-Holstein-Glücksburg, was himself regarded as the heir-presumptive to the dual throne of Saxe-Coburg. But he, with his father, waived his right in favour of the young Duke of Albany, who now occupies the throne.

As his uncle's special envoy, Prince Arthur has been present at a number of important ceremonies within the last twelve months, and on every occasion has proved himself worthy of the confidence placed in him by King Edward. His frank, engaging countenance, and simple, unaffected manners make him popular with everyone, and he possesses an abundance of tact. He gave sufficient proof of this when, during the King's convalescence after his operation, he was deputed to do the honours of the country to the Shah of Persia. As is well known, this potentate is, to say the least, a little "difficult," so the young Prince might well

in rehearsal. This came to the Kaiser's ears, and he immediately sent a characteristic demand that the play should be laid before him, as the final court of appeal in all matters appertaining to the dramatic art. He considered the play, after leaving it unread for some months, and then licensed it.

A man of fine physique, Sudermann is called by his admirers "the black-bearded giant." He is a leading figure at every literary gathering, and a delightful host in his own home. Born in East Prussia in 1857, he spent in his boyhood a life of poverty and distress, and these youthful trials are portrayed in some of his early books. His first story, "Fran Sorge," was written in 1881, but real success did not come until 1889, when his famous play, "Die Ehre," was produced.

It was, of course, certain that Lady Eva Dugdale, the only sister of the Earl of Warwick, who has always been the Princess of Wales's favourite among her ladies-in-waiting, would accompany her Royal Highness on the visit to India. Their friendship dates from a very early age, when the Princess was "Little Princess May," and her

day aided as William's transport officer, one of the highest offices that could be held, and the importance of which is depicted in Queen Matilda's famous tapestry at Bayeux. The first Lord St. John, so created in 1558, was one of the peers who sat in judgment on Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, in Queen Elizabeth's time. His successor was one of the Judges of Mary Queen of Scots.

Dr. Rosen, who was responsible for the famous "Dinner of Dupes" referred to by the Paris "Matin" in its sensational disclosures of the secret history of the Moroccan crisis, was at the head of the mission sent by the German Government to Abyssinia, and was known expert in the politics of the Near East. His father, from whom he inherited his taste for this study, was a distinguished Orientalist and diplomatist, and his history of Modern Turkey takes rank almost as a classic.

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

RAILWAY DESPERADOES.

There has been a great deal of talk about the risk railway passengers run of finding themselves alone in a compartment with some dangerous criminal. Well, I wonder, will anything be done to prevent the many gangs of card-sharps who are all well known to the railway police from infesting trains running in and out of some of the big London stations.

I was visiting Hampton Court on Saturday, and returning in the late afternoon had the misfortune to find my train packed with rascals, who had been to Hurst Park. Half a dozen of my fellow-passengers were most villainous-looking men, and one of their number began the three-card trick immediately the train started. As the people whom these sharpers hoped to inveigle into playing were all sufficiently sensible to have nothing to do with the game, the disappointed gang began using atrocious language, and attempted to pick quarrels with myself and another man. Had we not exercised great self-restraint there would undoubtedly have been a rough-and-tumble fight, under cover of which some of the gang would have picked our pockets. Fortunately the sharpers got out at the first stopping-place, only, of course, to get into another carriage in search of victims.

"Why did we not protect the railway officials?" people will ask. Had we done so, we should have been "marked" men for the future. It is not pleasant to think that should you ever encounter any of these men again you will be singled out as the subject for a violent assault at the first opportunity.

It is the duty of the police to break up these gangs, and to make it impossible for them to infest railway trains with such impunity.

Hamstead. INDIGNANT.

LESSONS FROM GERMANY.

As the result of many visits to Germany, I am bound to acknowledge that in many ways they are superior to us. Look at the beautifully clean, well-kept streets of Berlin, the broad spottless pavements, and their tastefully laid-out open spaces. Look at the magnificent Zoological Gardens in the centre of the city, where, for the sum of sixpence, you can spend a delightful evening listening to first-class music and watching thousands of happy promenaders.

Again, look at the accommodation provided for the working classes, and compare it with the wretched one and two rooms in miserable houses in our back streets; look at the slatternly women the half-clad children; look at the girls in their trumpery finery; look at the ignorant, ill-behaved boys in our streets, and compare all these with the German working class.

Every country can learn something from another, so let us be just and admire the German nation for qualities we do not possess.

Maida-hill, W. AN ENGLISHWOMAN.

"NEW" STYLE FOR THE HAIR.

Are we not told that a woman's glory is her hair, and is it not evident that in its natural unconfined state its growth would be much more rapid and more profuse than when distorted with heated irons and crimped and torn with pins and curlers?

From an æsthetic point of view there is much to be said in favour of such a style. Many a woman who, under existing conditions, now finds herself, by reason of an unattractive face, left to waste her many good qualities in solitude, would be enabled by the newly-revealed charms of her tresses to vie with her more beautiful sisters.

Brighton. AUBURN.

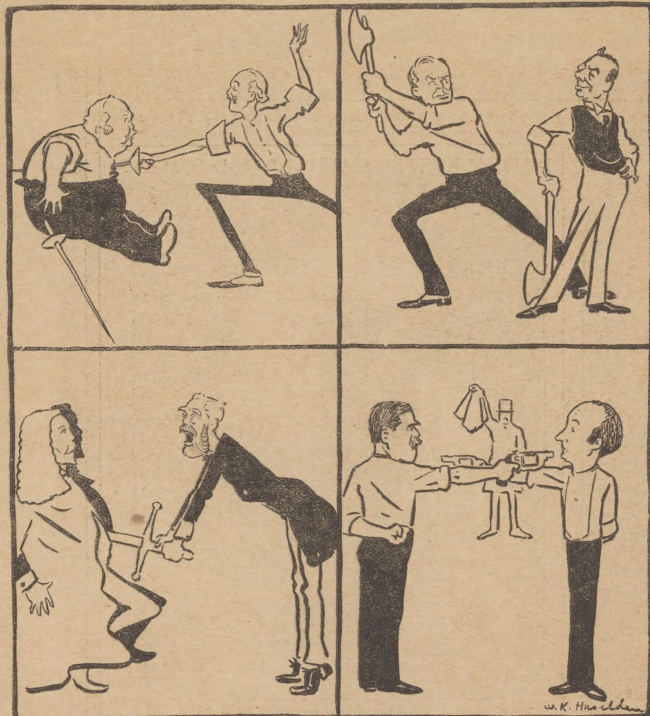
IN MY GARDEN.

OCTOBER 9.—Damp days and cold winds cause many plants to cease blooming. One has to realise that winter is quickly approaching. Leaves now strew every walk; while beneath the pines a soft carpet of their sweet-smelling needles covers the ground.

But though the beauty of the garden fades its interest is as enthralling as ever. But it is to be found on the Chrysanthemum and winter roses. Late autumn crocuses slowly appear. The healthy green of young wallflowers is good to look upon; the long, new shoots of climbing roses, wisterias, honeysuckles foretell splendour in the future.

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EARL OF KIMBERLEY REVIVES DUELLING.



Parliamentary debates as they will take place if the custom is generally adopted that the Earl proposes should be employed to settle disputes in the Norwich County Council. Combats are as follows: (1.) Argument between Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Mr. Balfour. (2.) Joint debate participated in by Mr. W. Churchill and Mr. Chamberlain. (3.) The Speaker and Mr. Swift MacNeill on a point of order. (4.) Mr. Brodrick and Lord Curzon discuss Indian affairs.

feel satisfied when the Shah at the time of his departure caused it to be known that one of the happiest recollections which he took away was the tact and courtesy which Prince Arthur had shown. Last December Prince Arthur represented King Edward at the baptism of the heir to the Italian throne; he had scarcely returned when he was dispatched to be the royal representative at the funeral of the Dowager Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha; and since then he has been twice to Berlin, first to stand for the King at the opening of the grand new Protestant cathedral, and the second time to be present on King Edward's behalf at the Crown Prince's wedding.

Hermann Sudermann is not the kind of man to be disconcerted by the somewhat inhospitable reception given in Berlin to his new play, "Stone Among Stones." He has had too much experience of the fickleness of German audiences to accept a first-night verdict as the final one. By far the most remarkable experience he has had with any play was with "Johannes," in which he took the story of John the Baptist for his theme. Though the Examiner of Plays at Berlin licensed it the Commissioner of Police, whose consent has to be obtained also, refused permission for it to be staged. Sudermann sent the play to the King of Württemberg to read, and he at once ordered it to be put

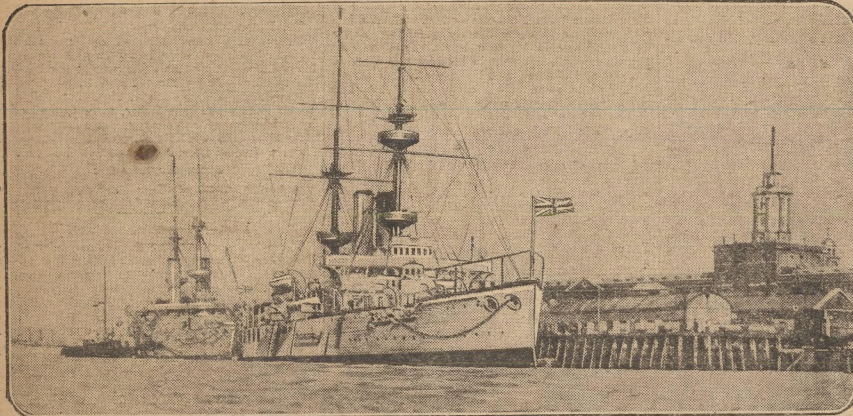
family were living at White Lodge, Richmond Park. During the frequent visits of the Duchess of Teck and her daughter to Warwick Castle a fast friendship sprang up between the two little girls. When Princess May became Duchess of York she appointed Lady Eva a lady-in-waiting.

The sporting tournament which has taken place under the patronage of the Pope is a unique event in the history of the Vatican. But that Pius X. should have sanctioned such a gathering can occasion no surprise, for he has always been a strong advocate of physical culture, and in his young days was no mean athlete himself. In fact, as a mountaineer he gained quite a reputation for the cool nerve which he showed when climbing some of the less formidable, but by no means easy, peaks of the lower Alps. On one occasion he gave a proof of this by extricating from a perilous position a companion who had dislocated an ankle while making the descent of a steep slope.

Eight thousand Bedfordshire acres are in the ownership of Lord St. John, of Bletso, who has been appointed Lieutenant of the county, in the room of the late Earl Cowper. He is sixteenth Baron of Bletso, and traces his ancestry back to the days of the Conqueror. The St. John of that

Current Events Recorded by Camera.

PRINCE'S BATTLESHIP YACHT LEAVES FOR GENOA.



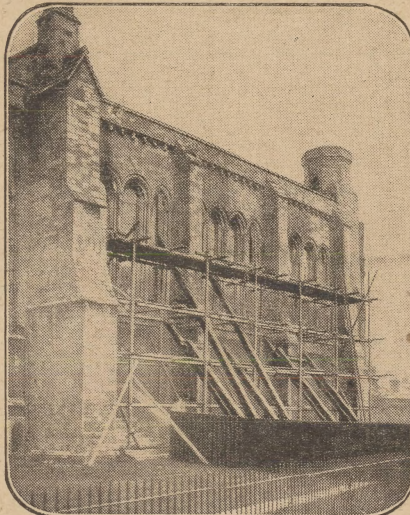
H.M.S. Renown, after her transformation from a battleship to a yacht, in preparation for the Indian visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, has just left Portsmouth for Genoa, there to await the coming of their Royal Highnesses.

ACTRESS'S FLYING VISIT.



Mlle. Yvette Guilbert leaving London yesterday after her flying visit for the purpose of giving one concert.

IS WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL DOOMED?



To restore Winchester Cathedral, which is in danger of collapse, will cost £20,000.

VISITED BY MR. KERRY AND THE PANDORA.



Showing some of the inhabitants and their home-made boat on the Island of Tristan d'Acunha, visited by Mr. Kerry and the Pandora. Mr. Kerry, the explorer, has been charged with larceny of certain gifts intended for the islanders.

To-day's News

BARON HAYASHI,



The Japanese Minister to the Court of St. James's, who negotiated the famous treaty between Britain and Japan, is to-day the guest of the Corporation of Liverpool.—(Connell.)

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TO-DAY'S WEDDING.



Miss Florence Nina Holland, daughter of Mr. John R. Holland, of Bampton, Devon, who will marry to-day—

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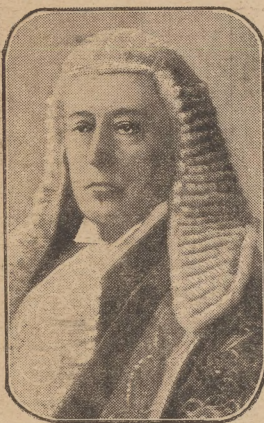
—Captain Lisle Strutt, son of the late Hon. Arthur Strutt, and nephew of Lord Belper, at the Oratory, Brompton.

Portraits



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VISCOUNT SELBY.



Viscount Selby, better known as Mr. Gully, late Speaker of the House of Commons, will be presented with the freedom of the City of London to-day.—(Russell.)

MR. RUFUS ISAACS, K.C., M.P.



Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., M.P., who looks slightly over thirty, but celebrates his forty-fourth birthday to-day.—(Elliott and Fry.)

BOARD SCHOOL FELLOW.



Mr. Henry Bateman, educated at a Manchester board school, bracketed Senior Wrangler, and elected to a Fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge.—(Butcher.)

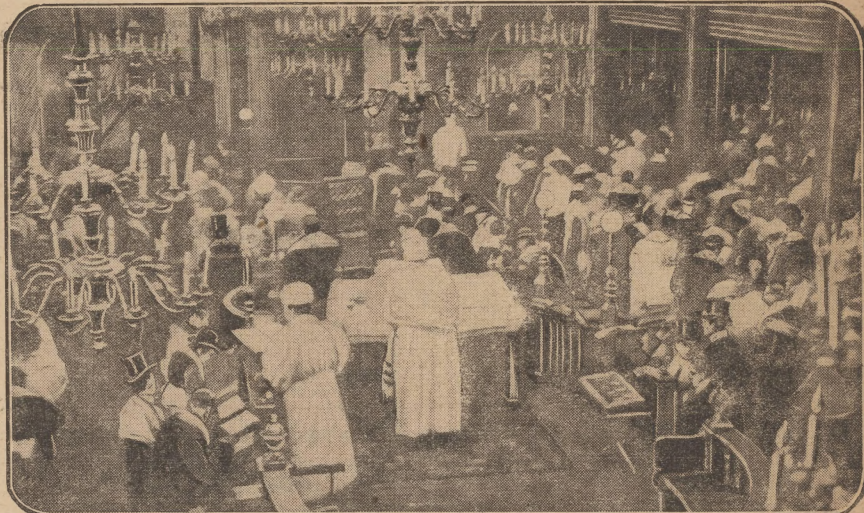
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Yesterday's News in Photographs.

STRIKING PHOTOGRAPH OF YESTERDAY'S JEWISH FAST.



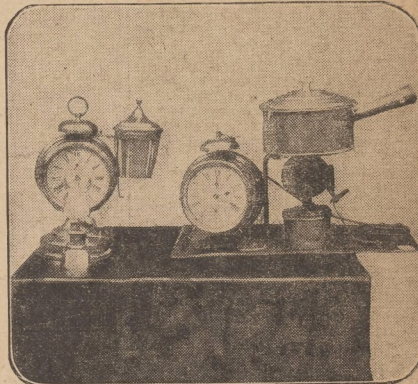
At sunset yesterday the Great White Fast of the Jews, or the Day of Atonement, was concluded. An important part of the fast are the impressive services held in all the synagogues. The photograph was taken at one of these services at the synagogue in Duke-street, Aldgate, yesterday.

LORD ROTHSCHILD OBSERVES FAST.



A snapshot of Lord Rothschild as he was going to attend service at the Duke-street Synagogue yesterday in connection with the Jewish Day of Atonement fast.

INGENIOUS PARIS CLOCKS.



Newly-patented French alarm clocks, which ring at a stated time and automatically heat water for morning coffee or shaving purposes.

MISS KELLERMANN, THE NEWEST FASHION AS PARIS TOY.



Miss Kellermann, who made such a plucky attempt to swim the Channel for the *Daily Mirror* trophy this year, has now been immortalised as a mechanical toy in Paris. By immersing the toy, the exact actions of Miss Kellermann are reproduced.

INSURANCE LOOT IN NEW YORK.

Mr. Pierpont Morgan's Firm and
the "Milked" Companies.

HANKY-PANKY' FINANCE.

Long before Charles Dickens immortalised Mr. Philip Sandler and General Cyrus Choke, of the Eden Land Corporation, the contemplation—on a sufficiently safe distance—of the eccentricities of American finance had afforded interest to wondering world. Since that date a good many wonders in what is euphemistically called "slim" have been made and broken, but the investigation of the Armstrong Committee into the methods of the New York Life and the Equitable Insurance Companies, now proceeding in the American capital, disclose a condition of affairs as yet unparalleled.

The combined capital of the two companies, whose business methods are now undergoing so searching an examination, amounts to many hundreds of millions of dollars, and they held in their hands the happiness—nay, the very lives—of innumerable actual and prospective widows and orphans. The fashion in which they have of late years faced their grave responsibilities may be seen from the following very imperfect digest of the evidence laid before the Armstrong Committee.

SECRET TRANSACTIONS.

George H. Squire, a former financial manager of the Equitable Life, borrowed \$500,000 from an illicit concern, the Equitable Trust Company, in order to invest in one of Mr. J. P. Morgan's schemes. The sole security he deposited for the loan was a certificate of his syndicate participation and the receipt given by the syndicate managers for the money he borrowed from the Trust Company. He raised \$200,000 in the same way from the same company to liquidate an obligation to the Western Maryland Syndicate.

John K. Hegeman, president of the Metropolitan Life, borrowed numerous and heavy sums from the New York Life since December, 1892, at the very moderate rate of 12 per cent. The president of the New York Life, John A. McCull, is an identical of the company of which Mr. McCull is president. Thinking and suspicious people have long noticed these facts and drawing deductions.

The late H. B. Hyde had an agreement with the Equitable Life, by virtue of which he drew a commission on the premiums paid into the society. In February, 1888, probably

—for some gracious service unexpressed—and from its wages only to be guessed—

The Finance Committee passed a secret resolution increasing his salary from £10,000 to £15,000 per annum, the increase to date back to January 1, 1888. The same secret resolution settled an annual pension of £5,000 on his wife, the said pension to commence at the date of his death.

STARTLING FIGURES.

In September, 1902, Mr. George W. Perkins, Mr. Pierpont Morgan's partner, purchased St. Louis Terminal Bonds from Mr. J. P. Morgan to the sum of £800,000. Mr. Perkins, with a laudible desire to economise his money, made the bargain with himself, actually buying for the insurance company and as seller for Morgan and Co. His motives are now being sadly misunderstood by the investigation committee.

On December 31, 1904, the New York Life sold to W. S. Fanshawe New Orleans Railway Bonds to the value of nearly £200,000 at something like £12,000 below their just market value. The price was paid with about £180,000 borrowed from the New York Security and Trust Company (the railway bonds for which this money was to help to pay being accepted as security), and the amount was completed by sums borrowed from Nylie, the organisation of agents in the New York Life, partly in money and partly in Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy bonds. Six days later the New York Life lent Fanshawe a sum equivalent to that he had for the bonds on the security of the bonds themselves.

A single "lobbyer," one known to fame as "Judge" Andrew Hamilton, has received close on £10,000 for services rendered to the Equitable. Two other gentlemen of the same profession have received for similar services during the past five years sums ranging from £200 to £1,000 per annum.

The public interest in the case is naturally intense. It will be greater still if, as is quite possible, Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan should be called to the witnessstand.

A CRUSHING RETORT.

One day Rabbi Hirsch, of Chicago, was riding in a crowded street car. As he got up to give his seat to a woman, a rude man scrambled into it before the woman could take it. For a while the Rabbi gazed at the offender in silence. Then the rude man said: "You are looking at me as if you would like to eat me."

"I'm forbidden to do that," answered the Rabbi. "I'm a Jew."

ALL THAT A MAN HATH.

By CORALIE STANTON and HEATH HOSKEN.

CHAPTER XLIII (continued).

I ask for nothing but to keep my joy.
It is so rare; so very hard to find.

The next few moments were of necessity devoted to small talk, as two footmen came in with tea and things and a tray of liqueurs.

Dick, looking round the lovely room—and from the pale girl to the handsome, fair man, still a victim to the utmost mystification, might be pardoned for considering it the most extraordinary situation in which a man ever found himself. The only touch that lifted it out of the plane of a commonplace social function was when the two footmen walked backwards to the door.

When they were once more alone the Grand Duke took up the conversation where he had left it off.

"Yes, the Countess has landed us all in a dreadful mess. Then, with a light laugh, he turned to Fay. "Your story, Frau Gräfin, if you please."

In a few brief sentences the girl explained the simple method of her flight from Balliol Castle.

Dick was aghast at the foolish and blundering theories that he had listened to by the dozen, working himself up into a state of real anxiety as to the girl's actual safety, when all the time she had been quietly living here, in the place which, even to his dazed and bewildered vision, was so obviously her home.

"You see, Mr. Dangerville," said the Grand Duke, when she had finished, "the Countess's movements were the simplest in the world."

Dick could not prevent a sharp exclamation from escaping his lips.

"The Countess?"

The Grand Duke turned again to Fay.

"You are a little vague," he said, smiling. "Remember—Mr. Dangerville knows nothing. He believes himself to be your husband. He is a little perplexed—naturally, a little anxious."

Then the girl smiled, and Dick understood the change in her. She was a woman; there was no longer anything inhuman about her. She was the statue come to life. There was an expression on her face that touched him deeply, that aroused his admiration and his reverence. As one lingers before a beautiful picture, a matchless marble, so surely one might well linger before the face of a woman who is happy. How could he ever have compared her eyes to those of a statue? How could he have thought that she was cold, indifferent, a mass of highly-trained intellectuality? She was radiant; she smiled as only a woman in love can smile, and there were wonderful under-currents beneath her voice.

To Dick she spoke with the most charming friendliness.

"That is true; I forgot that you do not know the trick that I played on you and on all the other people. I will tell you. I am the Countess of Ludwigsburg, because Car—because the Grand Duke gave me the title, and this castle, when—when he married me."

"Married you!" Dick began to feel some strange emotion coursing through his veins. His eyes sought the arresting, virile face of the young Prince, and the Grand Duke nodded to him with a smile.

"Yes," Fay went on. "The Grand Duke married me according to the laws of his country made to meet such cases. That is to say, I am his moral mate. Only a woman, perhaps, could have guessed at the sudden spirit of sadness that made itself felt in the lowered voice that spoke the last words.

"But, when—when?" cried Dick. The blood was tearing through his veins. Within him his heart sang and leaped for joy.

"A little more than a year ago."

"The year when you married me—when you went through a form of marriage—you—?"

"The Countess," interrupted the Grand Duke, "committed bigamy. It is a heinous crime in all countries, Mr. Dangerville." And he laughed boisterously, with the lightness of one for whom laws are set aside.

"At first Dick thought of nothing, could hear nothing but that one cry, shouted out rhythmically with every beat of his heart.

"Thank God! Thank God!"

But in a moment or two wonder succeeded to joy, and to joy indignation, that the presence of the Grand Duke by no means served to subside. He had been cheated; both these people had cheated him. He did not attempt to disguise his resentment.

"But I do not understand," he said. "I cannot, really understand. It is inexplicable. You have put me into an impossible position. Apparently you did it with your eyes open. Was I to serve as a tool to aid you in some scheme of concealment? It seems to me that you—"

He broke off, finding it impossible to use the words that were on his lips. He was very white, and his eyes were dark with anger.

Fay had been looking at him irresolutely, betraying no anger at his accusations, but a certain embarrassment. She glanced towards the Grand Duke inquiringly, and, at a sign from him, she turned to Dick again.

"I am very sorry," she said gently. "I did a

very foolish thing. I will tell you everything, since I have the Grand Duke's permission, and"—she looked at him very seriously—"I know that I can trust you implicitly. At first, before I had seen you at all, I determined to fall in with my father's plans in a fit of—well, of something that you would never understand. I was desperately unhappy." The Grand Duke put down his teacup, and in his simple, charming, and absolutely unaffected way took her hand in his and held it during the rest of her speech. "I had left Germany and my life here, and something I learned when you came to England made me think that I had left it for ever. Needless to say, I soon repented of my rash promise. But when I saw you, Mr. Dangerville, another idea entered into my head. I confess it was foolish and wild in the extreme, but I never thought of what the consequences might be. I liked you; I liked you very much. I was sorry beyond words to see my father established in your old home. I determined there and then that I would give it back to you. I would go through a form of marriage with you, taking care that your inheritance was handed back to you without conditions before the ceremony, and then I would disappear. I had thought of another form of disappearance—a sudden veil of darkness seemed to shroud the future."

Dick experienced a strange feeling; as if a solemn presence suddenly filled the room. He seemed to guess, in a vague way, that the girl's soul during those days had been tossed about on merciless currents, and that she had found help from nowhere but within herself. The strange force of her character almost appalled him, as he realised what she had done, and still more, what what her dark purpose had been, and for a brief moment he seemed to understand what it meant to a woman of her nature to have given her heart to a man whose high duty it was to place her last instead of first in his life, a man who was fated from his birth to share his inner life with no one, and to stand alone.

A look of deep gravity had settled on Dick's face; he gave a little shiver.

"I see that you understand me," Fay went on gently. "I had hoped that you would."

"I am struck dumb by your quietness," he murmured. "I do not know what to say, how to thank you for this."

"Don't thank me. It was a very little thing to do. I had thought that it would be my last action on earth. I was glad to think that it would benefit you. Besides, in a way, it was an act of justice, of reparation, because men like my father should not usurp the places where men like you belong. However, things happened differently. I changed my purpose, and I came here."

She looked at the Grand Duke, with a little smile. A look of the completest understanding passed between them. To Dick there was something startling in being brought face to face with the realities of life as it is to be lived by men in high places, if they seek to find a natural outlet for their emotions, if they share the common bondage of human love with other men. This man he had seen but an hour or so ago, glittering and splendid, surrounded by all the paraphernalia of state, driving through his capital beside his royal wife. Now he saw him shorn of all the trappings of his rank, smiling and happy, full of easy charm, a delightful mortal among other mortals, holding the hand of the woman he loved.

And the Englishman, with his stern sense of justice, could not help his mind breaking through the glamour of this rose-scented atmosphere of romance, and casting a thought to the little Grand Duchess in the splendid palace. It seemed a little hard on her, because she was so young, and she had seemed to look so proudly at her gallant consort.

But when he looked back at the two who sat side by side in the rose-scented boudoir, such thoughts vanished, for the glamour of a great passion is too strong, and casts out nets all around it to enmesh the sympathy of others' hearts, and he made for each other, and for a man and a woman to love each other the whole world was made.

After a short silence Dick turned to Fay.

"Will you tell me why you decided to take me into your confidence, Countess?"

"Because," she said, "I thought it such a shame to leave you in ignorance of the truth, and"—she spoke emphatically—"because I knew that I could trust you. You see, for the present at any rate, I am not coming out into the world any more."

"And you intend your movements—your very existence—to remain shrouded in mystery?"

She nodded.

"But what will happen?"

"Well, in time the world will forget me altogether, will learn of necessity to believe me dead."

"But your father? He has never given up hope; he is having the whole of Europe searched for you—a systematic search in every country, every town, every village, every road."

She smiled a little whimsically.

"That is so like my father. Well, it will only waste a fraction of his terrible millions. And you have not told me that his heart is broken. I know that my disappearance balked him of certain social ambitions; I am afraid that he felt nothing more. And if by any chance they should find me—well, my fate must be taken into our confidence, that is all."

(To be continued.)



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SIDELIGHTS ON
YESTERDAY'S NEWS.Interesting Paragraphs Concerning
Current Events.

Why Not a Nelson Car?

One of the most interesting suggestions made for this year's Lord Mayor's Show is that a Nelson car should be included in the procession. The drawback to the proposed river pageant is that all the old barges have been destroyed, and the expense of preparing new ones would be too great. The barge built for the Lord Mayor in 1816 cost £3,000.

Restaurant "Revival."

The restaurant "revival" has begun with the dark nights and cold nip in the air. The motorist and the golfer are back in town early, and the managers beam with satisfaction at the sight of crowded tables. Politicians are to be found among the guests now. When the session begins business occupies too much of their time, and they are seldom seen dining out.

Passenger's Predicament.

Red flags, cows, and other obstacles have the privilege of stopping trains, but to Mr. E. D. Hall, of Omaha, belongs the distinction of having delayed a passenger express at Denver for half an hour because his trousers had been stolen from him while he slept in a Pullman car. Mr. Hall naturally declined to leave the train until his loss was made good, and in the end a conductor had to make an expedition into the town and procure a pair of ready-made garments for the indignant passenger. "Every successive day the society here becomes more select and interesting. The mild radiance of female beauty is disturbed by no glaring tints,

Yesterday's Times' Retrospect.
and obscured by no vulgar shades; it smiles through the retiligated veil, and blazes in meridian

KENNEL CLUB JUBILEE TO-DAY.



Lady Aberdeen's famous Skye terriers, which will be a feature of the Kennel Club's Jubilee Show, to commence to-day at the Crystal Palace.—Latof.

TWO-COURSE DINNERS FOR A PENNY.



The People's Hot Dinner Association, which has transformed ice-cream barrows into travelling restaurants supplying hot dinners at a penny.

lustre beneath the nut-brown arches, or, perhaps, droops in poetical melancholy with the elegant sorrows of the slender willow." This is an extract from the Margate letter of the "Times" correspondent on October 7, 1805.

Superabundant Goldfish.

Goldfish, which so often look in ill condition in the tanks or artificial ponds where they are to be seen in this country, have been found to flourish amazingly in America. Some time ago a United States naval officer brought some home from Japan. Since then they have multiplied to such extent, even spreading to the streams, that a State hatchery gave away 3,000 at the end of last week.

Gambling at Monte Carlo.

At this season of the year the usual stories are current of heavy gambling at Monte Carlo, and a well-known M.P. is said to be amongst those whose fortune has not fared. If report can be relied upon he lost £3,000 at baccarat one evening. There has been a revival of high play at roulette and trente-et-quarante at San Sebastian, just over the Spanish frontier. Last winter, while King Alfonso was staying there, play was forbidden.

"Buzzers."

A correspondent suggests that as electric trams are nicknamed "whizzers," motor-omnibuses should be called "buzzers." It would only be a

slight variation upon "bus," for most people, especially in the Midlands, speak of "buzzes." Whatever it is called—motor-bus—buzz—or buzzer, as you will—one thing is certain, the motor-omnibus is the most difficult vehicle to board unless you happen to be at one or other of the few stopping places that the drivers recognize as necessary. A flying jump at a motor-omnibus travelling ten miles an hour is a fine test of agility.

Magnifying Our Ailments.

A writer accuses us all of becoming nervous, worried, and anxious when assailed by the least feeling of physical discomfort. "Have we a sore throat," he says, "we cannot help remembering a dozen times a day that it is sometimes the symptom of a dangerous illness. Are we taken with a shivering fit, the same reflection repeatedly torments us. And then, the mere cold: do we not resent it being cheerfully made little of, and do we not insist upon giving it the dread name of influenza?"

Balalaeva Bugle Controversy.

Though there seems conclusive evidence that the bugle which is to be sold at auction in London shortly was the one used to sound the charge of the Light Brigade at Balalaeva, criticisms are already being passed upon the authenticity of these proofs. Indeed, Major H. S. White, in a letter to the "Times" yesterday, says that his father, the late General Sir Robert White, who rode immediately to the right rear of Lord Cardigan in the charge, more than once told him that "the charge never was sounded at all."

Peppermints as Theatre Passes.

The Strand Theatre, which is to be sold at auction this week, stands, says the "Era," upon the site of a panorama building. Towards the close of 1831 Benjamin Lionel Rayner, a celebrated impersonator of Yorkshire characters, formed a syndicate, and opened the house as Rayner's New Subscription Theatre in the Strand, the name being altered to the Strand Theatre. The house was an unlicensed one; and, when Mrs. Waylett assumed the management, people paid four shillings at an adjoining confectioner's for a box of lozenges, and were "presented" with a box ticket; half an ounce of peppermint drops carrying admission to the pit.

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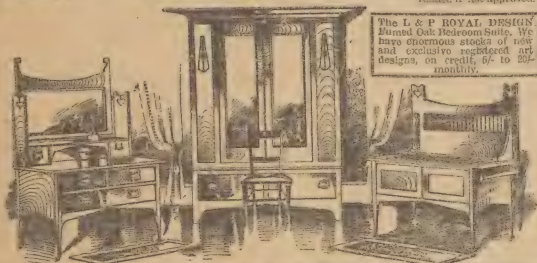
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PIN MONEY FOR CLEVER WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS, AND HOW IT MAY BE EARNED.

ENTERPRISE IN
MONEY-MAKING.PICTURE POSTCARDS AND OTHER
VIEWS.

Several ladies not overwhelmed with this world's goods took it into their heads to make money by photographing at popular seaside resorts last summer. The ladies, like the seaside resorts, were American, and I learn that their spirit was amply rewarded.

Courage and Its Just Reward.

They stayed for a few days at each place along a much-frequented coast, and asked any visitors, whom they saw sitting on the shore, or pier, or in the Kursaal, if they would not like to be photographed. A great many visitors said "Yes," and gave orders for snapshots and ordinary photographs too of their children and pets to take home with them. A reasonable charge was made for the quickly-developed and printed photographs, and a thriving trade was done.

It may be suggested that English ladies skilful in photography, and who are in want of pin-money, should visit Brighton, Bournemouth, Hastings, and St. Leonards, Torquay, Penzance, Shanklin, and Ventnor, Falmouth, and other winter resorts during the coming cold months, and try their luck, as the Americans did. They might even combine health with business, and seek the climate that would best benefit them, and then venture.

Beauty Spots for Picture Postcards.

There is another chance for the enterprising woman, namely, to visit from house to house, provided these houses be historic, interesting, or important ones in town or country, and ask of the owner if he would not like a special photograph taken of the house or garden and transferred to a picture postcard. There are hundreds of beauty spots in town and country—views of churches, favourite corners, buildings, shops, hospitals, theatres, private and public gardens, interiors of rooms, and so forth, dear to the heart of people who live in this or that locality—which have escaped the ordinary photographer and picture postcard maker, but which, if cleverly photographed and transferred to cards, would have a rapid sale in the neighbourhood.

An amateur photographer—a small shopkeeper living in a rather picturesque suburb only just outside the four-mile radius—informed the writer of these lines not long ago that he had sold in three weeks as many as three thousand picture postcards on which appeared a view he had photographed of a certain historic corner of the High-street. Seven thousand views of another spot were sold in the space of a fortnight!

A Patriotic Purveyor.

The photographer, as soon as she has taken this or that special view, must be sure to protect her photograph, otherwise the picture postcard on which it is afterwards printed would be immediately copied and sold by other photographers.

I may add that the wide-awake suburban tradesman of whom I have spoken stoutly refused to have his postcards printed in Germany. His were printed cheaply and with beautiful effect in London.

WHY BUSINESS WOMEN
BREAK DOWN.

It is often said that the business woman breaks down because she does not eat enough. But that is hardly the real reason, though there is some ground for complaint on that score. Business women break down because, unlike business men, they have not yet learned to shut business worries in the office and leave them there, instead of taking them home with them.

The business woman, unfortunately, is apt to take her vocation too seriously, that is to say, if she has the makings of a good business woman in her. She should endeavour to leave her worries behind her when she goes home, should eat sensibly and not too much. She should drink good chocolate, milk, tea, and coffee, and always plenty of fresh fruit. A light lunch is much better than a heavy one for her, for it must be remembered that the working woman has to go straight back to her work and has no time to take exercise, wherefore a heavy meal would be a severe tax upon her digestion.

TWO GOOD SOUPS.

These are two excellent recipes for soups that are particularly suitable for lunch during chilly weather.

KIDNEY SOUP.

INGREDIENTS: Three-quarters of a pound of ox kidney, three-quarters of a pound of lean beef, two tablespoonsful of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, half a teaspoonful of pepper, two ounces of dripping, one large onion, two sticks of celery, half a carrot and turnip, three plants of broad stock, a bunch of parsley and herbs, a bay leaf, a glass of claret if liked, brown colouring.

Cut the kidney into small pieces, also the beef. Mix the flour, salt, and pepper together, then roll the meat and kidney in it. Shake off any flour that does not stick on. Melt the dripping in a

saucepan, to it the meat, kidney, the onion, carrot, and turnip sliced, and the celery. Stir these occasionally over the fire till they are fried a good brown. Next add the stock, bring it to the boil, then skim it well and add the herbs and bay-leaf. Let all simmer gently until the kidney and vegetables are tender, keeping it well skimmed. When all the ingredients are tender, strain off the liquor and pound the meat and vegetables in a mortar. After pounding the meat, rub it through

the sliced onion, celery (white parts only), stalks of parsley, and marrow. Toss these about in the butter over a slow fire for ten minutes, but on no account let them become at least brown.

Then add the stock; should you have no white stock use milk and water in equal proportions.

Put on the lid and boil gently until all are done; it will take most likely under an hour to do this. Take out the parsley stalks and strain the soup through a hair sieve or a fine wire one; but, in



One of the very latest forms of the tailor-made costume is shown above. The coat is of three-quarter length, and is arranged in front to show a tiny vision of the vest. The skirt is full at the foot, and is trimmed handsomely by means of a row of buttons down the centre. In platinum-grey, with a bordering of velvet, and a hat to match, this is a useful and smart autumn toilette.

a sieve and add the liquor to it again. Season it carefully, colour it nicely with a little colouring, add the wine if liked, and serve it in a hot tureen with croutons of fried bread. If time will not permit you to pound the meat, cut the meat and vegetables into small dice. Thicken the soup with a tablespoonful of flour and serve the dice of meat and vegetable in it.

VEGETABLE MARROW PUREE.

INGREDIENTS: One large marrow, two ounces of butter, one small onion, three sticks of celery, few stalks of parsley, three plants of white stock, one raw yolk of egg, two tablespoonfuls of cream, salt, pepper, and nutmeg.

Large, overgrown, and therefore probably "woolly" marrows will suffice for this. Peel and slice them, but the seeds need not be removed. Melt the butter in a clean, bright pan. Put in

the latter case, it will not be smooth. Return it to the pan after rinsing it out. Reboil it, then draw it off the fire for a few seconds, and when slightly cooled strain into it the yolk of an egg mixed with cream.

Heat it for a few seconds, but do not let it boil again, or the eggs will curdle. Season it carefully, adding just a dust of grated nutmeg.

Serve grated Parmesan cheese and fried croutons of bread with the soup.

A BRASS-CLEANER

A lemon cut in halves and dipped frequently in salt does the work well, and if the articles to be cleaned are badly soiled, it will take two lemons; but generally one lemon, a handful of salt, and about five minutes' rubbing accomplish the task.

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AMATEUR FOOTBALL.

S. H. Day and Corinthians—Are English Elevens Too Professional?

Mr. "Sam" Day, brilliant alike as a "Soccer" forward and a forcing batsman, has given up the honorary secretaryship of the Corinthians, and is succeeded by Mr. W. U. Timmis, of Charterhouse and Oxford, and who is to be found at Stone Hall, Oxford. Of course, the resignation of S. H. Day does not mean his retirement from the game, although last season he once or twice thought of "chucking it," after several bad smashes.

The Association game can ill afford to lose such an illustrious player in his prime. I often thought that Sam Day was one of the deadliest shots at goal that there has been since the ever-famous W. N. Cobbold.

Had the English international elevens been chosen on rational lines there is no question that S. H. Day and Stanley Harris would have been "capped" a good many times. But England's internationals are at the mercy of a committee who do not see sufficient amateur football. They may be the best judges, but it is no use expecting a man to play a great game on a frost-bound ground, as was furnished for the trial at Tottenham last season. It was here that some of the great Corinthians were alleged to have lost their reputations.

F. A. and Professionalism.

I am afraid that the marriage of the Football Association and professionalism leaves no room for any stray affection for the men who were once written down because "their football always struck us as being played for recreation."

Somewhat or other the Corinthians list of fixtures with the big professional teams has not been ever quite so good since Mr. N. L. Jackson's reign ended. "N.L.J." was a splendid organiser, and the list has been further contracted this year by the extension of the League from thirty-six to thirty clubs.

As I announced a long time ago, the Corinthians have returned to Queen's Club. The Essex coach at Leyton contracted this year by the extension of the League from thirty-six to thirty clubs.

For the benefit of the Unemployed Funds of Woolwich and West Ham the Corinthians and Woolwich Arsenal have fixed up a match for Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Craven Cottage, Fulham. Subsequently the fixtures will be as follows:—

Saturday, November 18—v. Royal Navy, at Queen's Club.

Saturday, December 9—v. Tottenham Hotspur, at Tottenham.

Saturday, January 27—v. Oxford University, at Queen's Club.

Saturday, February 24—v. Queen's Park, in London.

Saturday, March 3—v. The Army, at Aldershot.

Saturday, March 10—v. North County, at Queen's Club.

Saturday, March 17—v. Northampton, at Queen's Club.

Saturday, April 7—v. Liverpool, at Queen's Club.

Saturday, April 14—v. 3rd London, at Queen's Club.

CHRISTMAS TOUR.

Tuesday, December 26—v. Woolwich Arsenal, at Plumstead.

Wednesday, December 27—v. Derby County, at Derby.

Thursday, December 28—v. Northern Nomads, at Liverpool.

Saturday, December 30—v. Stockton, at Stockton.

Monday, January 1—v. Queen's Park, at Glasgow.

Tuesday, January 2—v. Newcastle United, at Newcastle.

TEMPLE.

LONDON PROFESSIONAL CUP?

From Woolwich comes the news that the Arsenal executive is sounding the other London professional sides as to the advisability of getting the Football Association to sanction a competition for London Professional Clubs.

There should be plenty of interest in such an event, for London has one "First League" club, two Second Division, and six Southern League clubs, to say nothing of Crystal Palace and Clapton Orient.

Of course it must not be forgotten that the "Evening News" Southern Charity Cup covers a good deal of the ground suggested for this new competition.

COVERED COURT CHAMPIONS.

There was a crowded house at Queen's Club yesterday when the finals for three lawn tennis events were played off.

H. L. Doherty and Miss Thomson beat A. E. Beamish and Mrs. Hillyard by 2 sets to love (6-0 and 6-2) and won the mixed doubles.

In the covered court singles (London championship) A. W. Gore beat M. J. G. Ritchie by 3 sets to 1 (6-3, 6-4, 5-7, and 6-4).

The gentlemen's doubles went to A. W. Gore and G. R. Cardia, who beat H. L. Doherty and G. W. Hillyard by 3 sets to love (each 6-4).

NEW TWELVE HOURS TANDEM RECORD.

L. Drake and A. Payne, of the North Surrey Cycling Club, have beaten the southern twelve hours tandem record. The previous record of 201 miles 5 furlongs was made by Lockeyear and Tate in 1902.

Drake and Payne covered the usual course, with detours to Fellingbridge, Bolehy, Headley, and Godstone—in all 208 miles. The weather conditions were favourable, but a punctured tyre necessitated some delay. The time was taken by Mr. W. L. Woolbridge, of the Southern Roads Records Association.

YORKSHIRE'S BIG PROFIT.

At the annual meeting of the committee of the Yorkshire County Cricket Club it was stated that a profit of £1,000 had been made on the season's working. This is exclusive of the county's share of the profits from the Test matches, which have not yet been distributed.

Permission was given to Haigh and Denton to accompany Mr. P. F. Warner on the South African tour. The annual meeting was fixed to take place in the pavilion at Bramall Lane on November 28, when a presentation to the players, to celebrate the winning of the county championship, will be made.

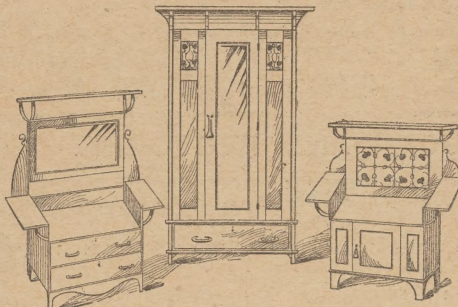
Manchester City directors have offered their ground to the Lancashire Rugby Union if the L.R.U. are able to fix up a match with New Zealand.

With regard to the cricket team going out to South Africa, under the auspices of the M.C.C., it may be mentioned that Walter Lees has left the decision entirely in the hands of the Surrey committee, who meet this week.

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